

Heber Valley races as it braces for 2002

Work ongoing at what will be busiest site of 2002 Olympics

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HEBER VALLEY — On the east side of the Wasatch Mountain Range lies a sleepy little cluster of towns that are slowly beginning to stretch, yawn and peek a lazy eye at the sun that is sneaking up over the horizon.

Before they know it, the blazing orb will be full in the sky, it will be high noon and they will be playing a substantial role in hosting the 2002 Winter Olympics through the Soldier Hollow venue.

Great expectations

Soldier Hollow will be the busiest venue during the



Valley's locals offer up views on Olympics, looming scandal

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HEBER VALLEY — Residents of the valley have plenty of opinions on the 2002 Olympics, and they have plenty of time to talk to you about them.

An old cafe called The Wagon Wheel rests in the middle of Heber City.

Locals sit at the bar, downing pie and coffee, and jaw about everything from the weather to the hay crop to, of course, the Olympic venue Soldier Hollow, which is being constructed just a few miles southwest of Heber.

"I don't like this progress," said Bill Cleft, 80, who was

